

Washington State Executive Ethics Board

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Executive Ethics Board News

Shirley Battan, Chair Gerri Davis, Vice Chair Lisa Marsh, Member Anna Dudek Ross, Member Jan Jutte, Member

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The Executive Ethics Board (Board) met on Friday, January 10, 2020, for their regular meeting. Board members present were Chair Shirley Battan and Members Lisa Marsh and Jan Jutte. Others attending included: Kate Reynolds, Executive Director, Michelle Carr, Assistant Attorney General, Chad Standifer, Assistant Attorney General, David Killeen, Senior Investigator, Bobby Frye, Investigator and Ruthann Bryant, Administrative Officer. Members of the public also attended.

Enforcement

The Board heard oral arguments on a Motion for Summary Judgment regarding EEB Case 2018-022 Ray White.

In lieu of an enforcement hearing, the Board accepted a stipulation from:

• Toni Snowden, a Program Coordinator for Colleges of the Sciences at Central Washington University, may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act by using state resources for her private benefit and gain. Evidence indicated that she had been using her state computer to access Facebook in regards to her personal baking business and for other personal use. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$2,500 with \$1,000 suspended.

The Board found Reasonable Cause in EEB Case 2019-024 (Jackson), EEB Case 2019-025 (Sciabarra), EEB Case 2019-032 (Wentworth) and EEB Case 2019-044 (Haizlip).

The Board Dismissed EEB Case 2019-026 (Jewel) and EEB Case 2019-039 (Wittmann).